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1. The runway of the LAERZ (N 54/U 33) airfield was under repair and the flight control station at the southern edge of the airfield was being reconditioned. Six large fuel containers and two cantonment buildings constructed in a makeshift way were located at the southeastern edge of the field. There were also several storage places with building material. Tiles for the airfield were being unloaded from a boat in the canal. Billeting equipment was trucked to the airfield.
2. One biplane and two single-engine aircraft with in-line engine were parked at the airfield. There were also the fuselages of three single-engine aircraft with radial engines. Besides numerous civilian trucks, the following three Soviet trucks were observed hauling material to the airfield:

3. Some Soviet Air Force soldiers supervised the workers at the field.
4. The civilian population expected the airfield settlement, which was occupied by refugees to soon be evacuated.

 Comment:

a. The reported construction work at the LAERZ airfield was confirmed by other sources *.

b. the airfield was used by a component unit of the IIIrd Bmr Corps during the Soviet Air Force maneuvers.*

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